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## GEOLOGY.

Eozoon and its Allies in Later Formation.—I have for some time been pursuing investigations of Primordial and Silurian fossils akin to Eozoön either in structure or mode of preservation. When these investigations are completed, I hope to show that Eozoön has several foraminiferal successors in the older palæozoic rocks of Canada, and that fossils of various kinds occur in those rocks infiltrated with mineral matter in a manner not dissimilar from that observed in the Laurentian Eozoön.—J. W. Dawson, in Nature.

## ANTHROPOLOGY.

THE INHABITANTS OF THE NILE WATERSHED.—Perhaps the most important advance which has been made in geographical discovery during the past year has been the exploration of a large portion of Central Africa, lying to the northwestward of the great equatorial lakes, by Dr. Schweinfurth, already known through his botanical studies in the lower Nile valley, the first practised traveller who has penetrated far into this region. The ruling tribe of the inhabitants of the Nile watershed here, is that of the Niam-Niams, who are described by the Marquis Antinori as men of powerful form and stately carriage, bronze-colored skin, and long sleek On crossing the water-parting into a fertile country, where the oil-palm gives a new character to the landscape, Dr. Schweinfurth came upon a race differing from these in every respect. The Abanga and Monbuttu of the inner watershed are distinguished by the lighter color of their skin, and their blonde and frizzled hair is worn by both sexes in a high chignon. Though inhabiting a richer land than the Niam-Niams, and in advance of them in agriculture, and the arts, cultivating the banana and other fruits, trading in copper, and forging weapons in iron, the Monbuttu rank far beneath them in the scale of humanity, since they indulge in cannibalism to an extent which appears to be unparalleled on the globe, a practice in no way explicable here by necessity, since the land abounds in game of all kinds. To the south of the Monbuttu is a dwarf race named Acka or Ticki-Ticki; the average height of the men of this tribe is five feet, but many do not reach this measure. — The Academy.